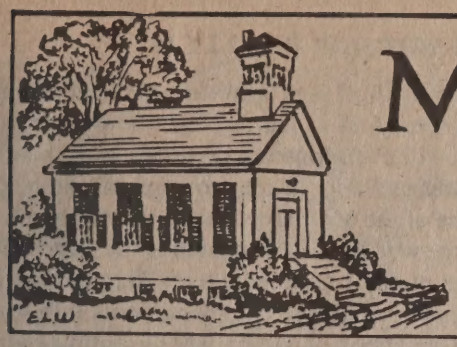

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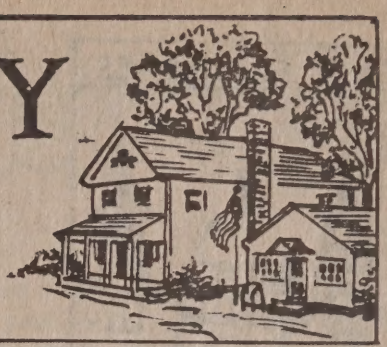

JULY 1984

6th Annual

I LOVE MONTEREY DAY

Saturday, July 14, 1984

Race for kids	8:30 a.m.
Monterey Race, adults	9:00 a.m.
Movie in church basement (bring blanket or towel to sit on)	10:00 a.m. *The Hobbit*
Parade	11:30 a.m.
Family Pot Luck Picnic	12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

The pot-luck picnic at Bidwell Park at noon is to be focused on the theme, "Know Your Neighbor." The hope is that this will provide an especially fine opportunity for newer people in town to meet longer term residents. When we speak of residents, we of course mean the people who are here part-time as well as those here the year round.

We are making two approaches toward introducing newer persons: (1) If you are a new resident within the past couple of years, please consider yourself having a special invitation to come so you can meet other Monterey residents. (2) We would like anyone who knows of newer people in your part of town to tell Milly Walsh (528-4257) or Virgil Brallier (528-1031), so that plan can be made for introductions during the noontime celebration, the pot-luck picnic at Bidwell Park.

Everybody is invited to this gathering. Tables and chairs are being provided, but we think it would be a great idea for those who have them to bring along a card table and folding chairs (just in case). Yes, and bring food to share while you come to this occasion for getting to know your neighbors.

Some craftspeople and vendors have expressed interest in setting up booths for Monterey Day. They are welcome to do so but must provide their own tables, umbrellas, etc. Call Milly Walsh for more information: 528-4257.

Family Softball Game with Bob Stevens as umpire	2:15 p.m.
Children's activities—Milly Walsh	
Folk Dancing with Karl Finger	3:30 p.m.
Sing Along with Dean Amidon	4:30 p.m.
Balloon Release	5:30 p.m.

REPAIRS BEGUN ON FLOOD-DAMAGED ROADS

Permanent repairs have begun on roads in Monterey damaged by the '84 flood. Beginning with Harmon Road, workers will regravel, reblacktop and generally stabilize all damaged roads. The state of Massachusetts estimates road damage in Monterey to amount to $350,000. There may be some reimbursement to the town from the state and/or federal government for the losses.

TOWN SHED

The wet weather in early spring caused a slow start on the Town Shed this year. Road problems took men and equipment off the job after the big flood. Finally work is proceeding at a steady pace and the roof is going on.

MONTEREY FIRE COMPANY STEAK ROAST

The annual Steak Roast to benefit the Monterey Fire Company will be held on Saturday, July 28. Dinner will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Greene Park, followed by dancing and listening to Bev Rohlehr's band. Admission to the band performance is included in the price of the dinner ticket, $10.00 from Monterey firemen. If you wish to attend only the dance afterwards, a separate admission of $2.00 at the door will be charged.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Hills, Monterey
Saturday, 7 p.m.
Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Immaculate Conception, Mill River
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and Regular Meetings

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal, Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m., at the Church. Meditation and prayer, 7:30 a.m., in the Social Room. All are invited. Prayer group, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m., at the home of Lucy Smith.

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP ON JULY 15

Sunday, July 15, at 10:30 p.m. is the time of the Ecumenical Worship in Monterey this year. With the "lower key" celebration of the "I Love Monterey Day" this year, there will be no tent in Greene Park, so the worship will be held in the meeting house of the Monterey United Church of Christ.

The theme of the worship will be related to the "Know Your Neighbor" theme of the I Love Monterey Day celebration. Since Jesus summed up all the commandments into loving God and loving neighbor, it seems wholly appropriate to focus our worship on knowing and loving the neighbor.

There will be Jewish as well as Roman Catholic participants assisting in the conduct of the worship, thus emphasizing the "knowing and loving our neighbors" in the religious community as well as in the secular one. All people in the community are cordially invited to join in this celebration.

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LIBERATING THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Slavery supposedly ended throughout the world several generations ago. Yet though slavery as an outer form has ended, is there anyone who does not know that slavery exists still as a bondage of the human spirit? What person can claim to have no traces of bondage in his/her spirit? The family in which I grew up, the culture of which I am a part, the belief system in which I was reared, all of these put their stamp upon me. Though I have modified these imprints, I am still shaped by these influences.

It would be folly for me to imagine that all of the influences that shaped me were wholly positive and beneficial. Along with strengths a combination of fears and biases were also given to me, and the prospect is that I will be dealing with them all my life. None of us was born wholly free, and none of us has achieved perfect freedom. A recognition that there are degrees of freedom can be very liberating in itself. If I despair because I am not likely to achieve perfect freedom, then this very despair will lock me behind "spiritual bars." The knowledge that life itself can be seen as a process of unfolding freedoms is a very necessary ingredient for the liberation of the human spirit.

Let us acknowledge that there are degrees of liberation—or, seen from the other side—there are degrees of slavery. Many are the persons living just a few steps away from physical slavery. No one has the right to physically enslave another. True. But how many are the people tied to jobs they hate? And how many are living in places they deplore? And how many are in situations they despise? If I am not trapped in any of these situations I can easily advise another, "Well, if you don't like it, then leave it." These words are easy to say. It is quite another thing to be in one of those places of bondage and become free enough in spirit to throw off the slavery. "Leave the job that is enslaving me, yes, but then what will I do to live?" the person cries out. Who will deny that this is a form of slavery even though the bondage lies in the realm of spirit?

Others may find the freedom to leave a job they don't like or say goodbye to a town that oppresses them. But how do they say goodbye to inner patterns that keep tripping them up? Where would all the novels go and what would happen to most of the dramas on our television sets if we humans were not subject to cultural, family and personal patterns planted in us at an early age, and we keep reacting to these patterns over and over again. We even despise what we are doing, but despising our actions does not give us freedom. Yes, there is clear and overwhelming evidence of spiritual, or inner bondage wherever you touch the human spectrum.

In light of the impressive amount of evidence for slavery within our humanity still, why do we have the nerve to talk about liberating the human spirit? Aware of it or not, call it by any name we will, all of us are caught up in some degree of slavery. So why not just leave it at that?

We cannot leave it there simply because the human story itself is powerfully formed around the drama of liberation. National histories and personal histories, in one way or another, are almost all absorbed in the liberation theme. The story of nations still today are obsessed with the fear that others will take away their freedom. How much of current United States policy and energy are expended around the fear that the Soviet Union threatens our freedoms. And how much of the current Soviet Union policy and energy are built around the fear that the United States will reduce their freedoms? It is an old story: nations try to validate their existence by standing up against enemies of their freedom.

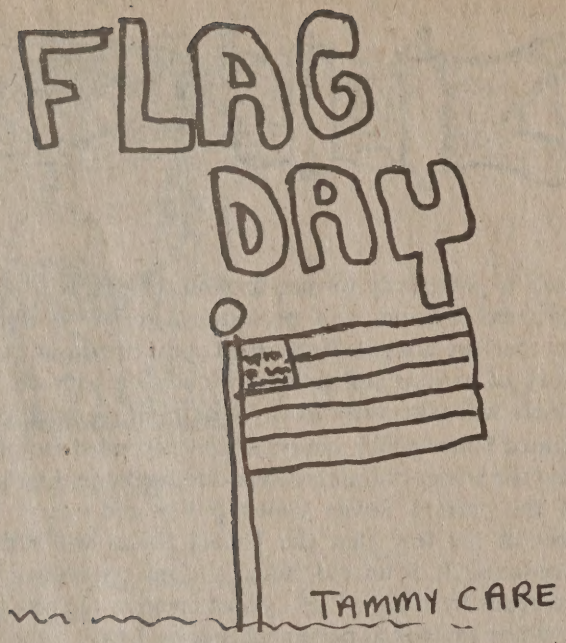
When we look at personal histories, I have some hope that we have moved beyond the paranoia that pervades our national histories. It is still true that mothers, and fathers to a lesser degree, are made to bear an enormous load of responsibility as people try to explain their inner fetters. But eventually all of us have to work out our inner freedoms by recognizing that we, and we alone, have the choice of dealing with those fetters within. As we travel the road of life, if we are fortunate, we begin to discover that the enemies of our freedom are located mostly inside our own souls. Only then can we deal with them.

Religion and psychology are two approaches that aid us in recognizing the internal dimensions of slavery. The language of faith sees God as the source of life and as the force that works in and through us for freeing us from our many forms of bondage. The language of faith seeks to help each person make those decisions that are freeing to the person as well as helping the whole of humanity move toward light and freedom. Psychology has tried to enlarge our freedom by understanding the way mind and emotions work. Hopefully it gives us some handles on the way we build our internal fetters, and we can discover some clues on how the process of liberation works.

Where are we in the process of liberating the human spirit? Who can say. We have such a tiny peep hole to try to view the vast drama of humanity. Looking back we know some magnificent gains have been made. But in the present scene there are paralyzing fears gripping humanity, and there is still a long way to go.

Let us take out time to celebrate how far we have come. We need celebrations and I am in hearty favor of them. But even as we celebrate let us turn our eyes to the enormous and urgent tasks still to be done. Is not this what the whole human story is about—the pilgrimage from darkness to light, the movement out of bondage into freedom. What an exciting story it is!

— Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



NEWS FROM NEW MARLBOROUGH CENTRAL SCHOOL AND MONTEREY KINDERGARTEN

Flag Day ceremonies at our school on June 15 included a presentation by each of the school's four classes. First grade recited "Remembering Day" by Mary Wight Saunders. Carey Tobin led the second grade class in a reading of the Civil War poem, "Barbara Fretchie" by John Greenleaf Whittier. "A Song For Flag Day" by Lydia Avery Coonley Ward was recited by the third grade and the fourth grade read "Your Flag and My Flag" by Wilbur D. Nesbit. Olivia Williams, a fourth grade student, played "Yankee Doodle" on the flute. A memorial flag was raised by Sean Storti and Kim Gillette. The flag was donated to the school in memory of Joseph De Grace, a Great Barrington Marine who died last year. The service concluded with the singing of patriotic songs led by Allen Lampman, elementary music teacher.

The children in the Monterey Kindergarten constructed a replica of a volcano, first in clay and then in sand. They erupted it with a secret formula. Paul O'Brien, Health Curriculum Coordinator for the district, helped to introduce the Science unit on nutrition with his presentation on snacks, good and bad. On June 13, Ann McGinley, fitness instructor and myotherapist from the Bonnie Prudden School, came to do a one-hour workout with the class. The third annual Poetry Show will be held on June 22. The students dramatize and/or recite 25 early childhood favorites. On June 25 the kindergarten class picnic took place at Greene Park.

A Visiting Day was held at New Marlborough for the kindergarten children from Monterey. This day gives our future first graders a chance to see their new school, the first grade teacher, Mrs. Jeannot Heyman, and their first grade classroom. They got a royal tour of the building and even enjoyed a lunch in the school cafeteria prepared by the cafeteria manager, Mrs. Jean Curtis.

The first grade is doing "secret code" math, and the pupils are writing the messages. A class picnic at Umpachene Falls is being planned for June 20. This event has become an annual affair, and the class really looks forward to it.

For Father's Day the second grade painted bird plaques. They also traveled to visit Bartholomew's Cobble and the Colonel Ashley House on June 21. A class picnic was held at Lake Mansfield on Tuesday, June 19, with Mrs. Gertrude Snow, grandmother of Bruce Snow, as the hostess. The second grade would like to say a special "thank you" to their room mothers, Carol Sadlowski, Cathy Rodgers and Nancy Clapp, and to their dedicated volunteers, Sherry Mallory and Sue Andersen. The class was happy to welcome Carey Tobin, who moved to Clayton from Pittsfield. Gary Pratt of Monterey moved to Sandisfield in late May and will be attending the Sandisfield School next year.

On June 12 the third grade at New Marlborough Central had its annual field trip to the Hancock Shaker Village. The third grade has been studying the contributions of the Shakers to the culture of our area, as well as Shaker life, beliefs and customs. Mrs. Donna Drew, our art teacher (on leave-of-absence) and a former guide at the Museum, conducted them on a tour of the village. The group visited practically all of the buildings that were open. The Shakers were a self-sufficient community. Their village, with additions, contains all the buildings found in a typical village of the 1800s. The children were much impressed. To see firsthand the things about which they had read and studied meant a great deal to them. Several took pictures and later they purchased souvenirs at "The Gift Shop." Many thanks to Mrs. Loder and Mrs. MacKenzie, who accompanied them: their assistance was of great value. Mr. O'Hara and the third grade also appreciated the services of Eva Klein, their bus driver, who, through the years, has been with them on many field trips. The children and those mentioned above contributed to a fine field trip and a grand day!

Mrs. Ginger Rawling, New Marlborough classroom aide, treated her noon recess softball team to dinner at McDonald's on June 11. Bill Hankey, Richard Goewey, Marta Makuc, Stacy Palfini, John O'Brien, Danny Lowe and Frank Soncini were her guests, and Mrs. Nell MacKenzie went along too.

Under the direction of Paul O'Brien some fifth and sixth grade students at Mount Everett had prepared video films on nutrition to be shown to each elementary grade level. When Mr. O'Brien came to New Marlborough on June 4 to speak with each class on this subject, these student films were shown on a VCR and were very well received by teachers and pupils alike.

Fourth grade is a busy place to be this month. The students are preparing to leave New Marlborough for the big world of Mount Everett. On June 12 they visited that school with their parents for an orientation. The day before Dr. Paul Shafiroff, Director of Instruction 5-8, and fifth grade teachers Leo Alvares and Anne Kennedy came to talk to the boys and girls about the fifth grade program, and they answered many questions. On June 19 the class went to the Water Sewage Treatment Plant in Great Barrington. This trip was a part of their study on water pollution and ways to clean up water.

In late May the fourth grade walked to the Mill River Town Hall and toured the Historical Room with Homer Stanton as their guide. Many thanks to Mr. Stanton for giving his time and expertise to teach these children a little of the history of this village.

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PARKS COMMISSION PATTER

There has been some feedback about the beach stickers from residents. The $5.00 charge was intended to add value to the stickers, more responsibility to its owner and to be a deterrent to out-of-town users.

This money goes into the *Monterey General Fund*, not the Park Commission budget or Special Projects Fund, as was assumed.

The Commission met and voted to consider the $5.00 payment a one-time, lifetime payment to entitle residents to permits now and in the future. We hope this will meet with your approval, and as the various kinks arise we shall do our best to straighten them out.

We hope the stickers will help, as there are still many out-of-towners regularly visiting our little beach. All of the towns have places to swim of their own.

We appreciate your cooperation and work toward a safe and enjoyable environment for you. Drop us a note or come to a meeting if you have suggestions.

MORE PARK COMMISSION PATTER

Swimming Classes

As in the past, for the safety of all, recreational swimmers will not be allowed to swim during classes. A lifeguard will be on duty. Cheri is eager for a large turnout, and Arthur Colodny will be assisting where necessary.

Instructor: Cheri Briggs, of Monterey
July 9-13 — 3- and 4-year-olds — 10:30 a.m.
July 16-20 and 23-27 — elementary classes:
Swimmers — 9:30 a.m.
Intermediate — 10:00 a.m.
Advanced beginners — 10:30 a.m.
Beginners — 11:00 a.m.
Charge by Red Cross — 60¢ per student (for materials)
Lifeguard on duty afternoons, June 23-September 3, is Cheri Briggs. *Lifesaving class*: contact Cheri, 528-9669, or Fran Amidon, 528-1233. Permission slips for swimming classes are available at Roadside and Monterey General Stores and Milly's. Please sign up early! We want you all there. It's a wonderful opportunity.

— Fran, Steve and Debbie

ELECTION RESULTS

We forgot to give you the votes for candidates after the May Town Meeting. Here they are:
197 people voted, as follows:

Moderator: Eugene W. O'Connell (D)—88; Mark J. J. Makuc (R)—108.
Selectman: Hans T. Kessler (R, D)—159.
Tax Collector: Henry J. Makuc (R, D)—164.
Treasurer: Matt O. Williams (R, D)—175.
Board of Appeals: Peter S. Murkett (D)—101; John A. Ryder (R)—93.
Assessor: Peter Spiro Vallianos (R, D)—172.
Auditor: Barbara A. Gauthier (R, D)—180.
Cemetery Committee: Florence G. Brown (R, D)—180.
Finance Committee: Nicholas F. Wool (R, D)—171.
Library Trustees: Alice Schick (R, D)—150; Deborah Shaw Reed (R, D)—167.
Park Commission: Steven A. Small (R, D)—178.

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SELECTMEN ATTEND DC SYMPOSIUM

All three of Monterey's selectmen, Jed Lipsky, new chairman; Hans Kessler, past chairman; and Stefan Grotz, attended Congressman Silvio Conte's issues symposium in Washington, DC, May 9. Monterey was the only town in Western Massachusetts so well represented. One hundred fifty Western Massachusetts businessmen and officials attended, but only one other selectman, reported Stefan Grotz. Most of President Reagan's cabinet spoke to the group, and the selectmen agreed the trip was worthwhile.

NO TOWN CLEANUP THIS YEAR

The success of the bottle bill and the drop in teenage population in Monterey has brought the demise of the annual town cleanup, according to John Ryder, organizer of the project for over 15 years. Ryder said he is not doing one this year because last year's participation was so poor. "We always have ten to eleven trucks" full of kids going out to pick up the trash along the roads, Ryder reported. In better years there were four to five kids per truck, but last year the last trucks to leave carried only one or two. The cleanup takes about two hours; "Nobody's overworked," said Ryder. However, he added that since the bottle bil, the roads are not as messy and the need for the cleanup is not as great.

MONTEREY
LIBRARY

Book + Bake Sale
Sat. July 28th
10 am - 2 pm
Library Basement

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FREE MOVIE

The Friends of the Monterey Library will be showing *The Hobbit* in the church basement on Saturday, July 14, at 10:00 a.m. This is a one-hour-and-twelve-minute animation of the Tolkien favorite with Bilbo Baggins, Gandolf, and various elves and dwarves. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a towel or blanket to sit on.

New Marlborough Central News - cont. from pg. 4

Many fourth graders participated in the ad contest this spring sponsored by the *Berkshire Eagle*. We are proud to announce that Jill Amstead of our school had her ad for Nemith Travel Agency published in the *Sampler*.

Fourth grade students who have worked with Mrs. Ladd visited Chesterwood in Glendale on June 18 and had dinner at her home on Friday evening, June 15.

A fourth grade family picnic was held at the home of Livy Williams in Monterey on June 23.

Culinary delights baked by the fourth grade this month include chocolate walnut drop cookies, rhubarb nut bread, Shaker jam sponge cake and upside down cobbler.

The raffle drawing took place on June 15. The winners are as follows:

1. Cord of firewood—Sheila Thunfors
2. Dinner for two at the Elm Court Inn—Roger Labrecque
3. Dinner for two at Eddio's Restaurant—Valerie Martin
4. Handmade soft sculptured doll—Abby Tedesco
5. Brunch for two at Konkapot Kitchens—Kevin Bradley
6. Food basket—Bruce D. Heyman
7. Handmade shawl—Fairlie Smith
8. Doiley—Peg and Ted Williamson

The students and staff of the school are happy to inform all who helped us with this endeavor that $897 was raised. After expenses are deducted we will have approximately $860 to spend on a VCR for our school. Thanks for all your support!

YOUTH NEWS

Brownie Troop #237

Because of the flooding in the library basement Brownie meetings came to an abrupt end in late May. There still are plans for a Court of Awards and a "visiting" day for the kindergarten girls who will enter the troop next year. More on that next month.

Little League

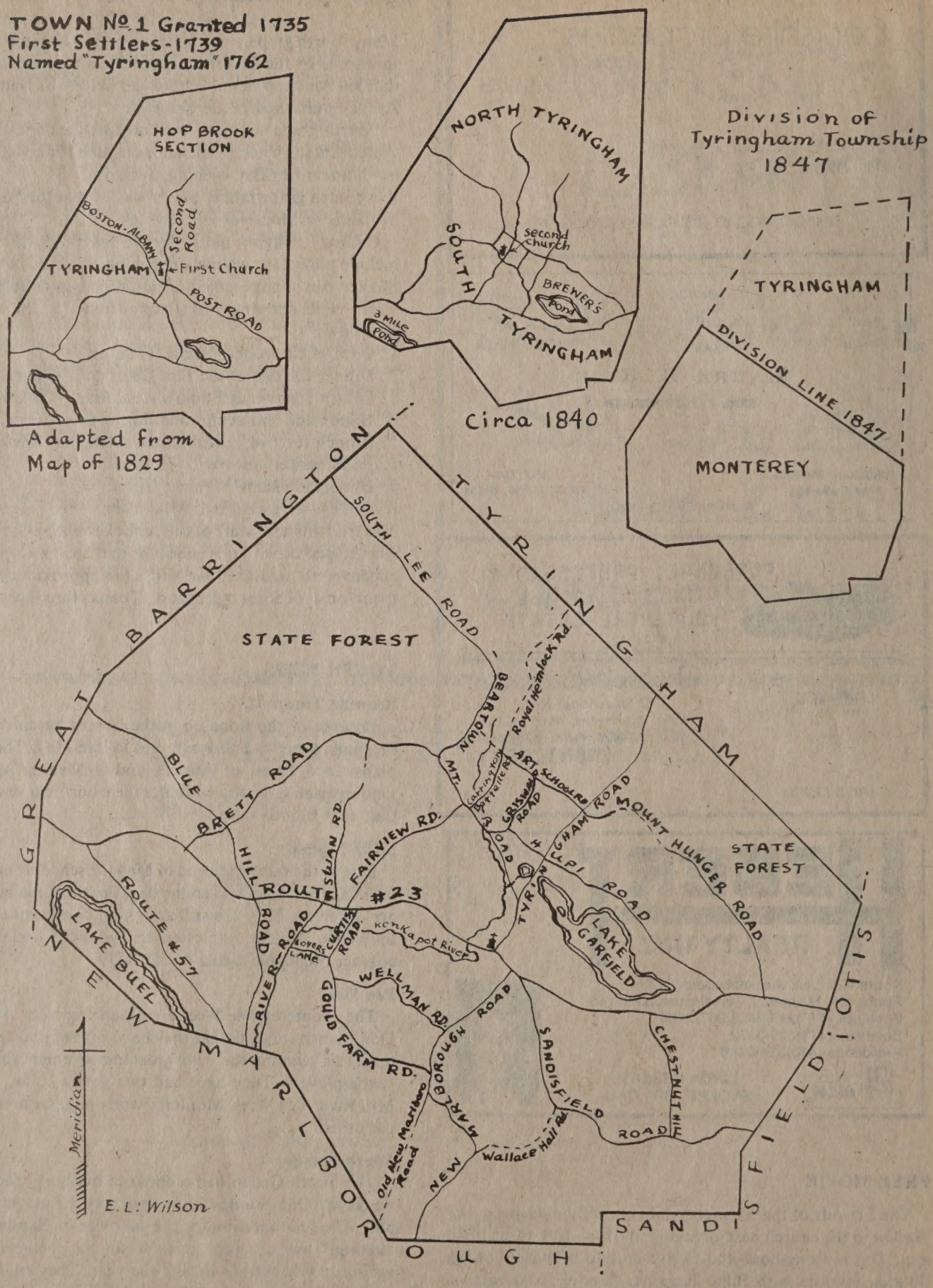
Due to the rain at the end of May the schedule of games has been moved up a week, so the days are the same but the dates are different. They are still accepting donations toward new uniforms. Anyone interested in making a donation please contact Stephanie Grotz at 528-4519.

Pee Wees

The Monterey Pee Wees are practicing hard. Their coach, Don Blanchard, says that they have a lot of new talent on the team this year and there is a great improvement shown by last year's players. They have had two games so far against the Mill River Pee Wees. Monterey won one game and Mill River the other.

Youth Group

The Youth Group had a cookout over the Memorial Day weekend. One Sunday after that they all played miniature golf. The final meeting for the year was on Sunday, June 17. "Lemon" awards were given to all the members for their various contributions during the year. They enjoyed a cake and played some games. Their last fling before summer sets in was a trip to Riverside on Saturday, June 23.



Edith Wilson sent us these hand-rendered maps in response to a reader's request for locations of roads and places in town. It will be useful as an accompaniment to Julius Miner's Walks as well.

SEEING MONTEREY, CIRCA 1940

WALKS AROUND TOWN
with Julius D. Miner

(Originally sponsored by
The Monterey Cooperative League)

Foreword

Monterey has great charm, having beautiful scenery and an interesting history. It was hardly possible for Julius Miner to move a hundred yards in any direction in town without finding something worthy of comment concerning the flora or fauna or present or past history of the place.

Julius and his twin brother ran the Monterey (Langdon) store for many years. Those privileged to walk or ride with him as he delivered groceries know how great was his interest and knowledge.

In 1940, after the urging of many friends and with the help of Herbert Peterson, a summer resident, he prepared a series of walks and talks. In these he points out matters of interest which might otherwise be overlooked and tells stories which make for a better understanding and appreciation of our heritage.

Italic annotations courtesy of Monterey News *and Ray Tryon.*

RIVER ROAD TO HARTSVILLE

Going west from the Center toward Great Barrington, the River Road to Hartsville is the second road to the left. As we turn into the road, note the steep bank on your right, nearly perpendicular, and the occasional falls of big blocks of clay. Pick up some of this clay and take it home for an experiment. Fashion it into shape, dry it and then bake it in your fireplace. Our early settlers, needing building material, combined to gather this clay, press it into bricks and fire it in kilns. *The bank at the corner is now shrubby but the clay is there. Look further down the river bank, even past the bridge mentioned below, from the town turnaround.*

Soon we come to a bridge over the Konkapot River. In other walks we have spoken of little springs as the sources of small brooks. These brooks have converged so that this Konkapot River carries the drainage from almost the whole watershed of the town of Monterey. Follow this stream down to where it unites with others and presently you find yourself at Derby, Connecticut, where the Housatonic and the Naugatuck Rivers unite to make a mighty stream shortly emptying into Long Island Sound, thence to feed the Atlantic Ocean.

If you are here in witner and the river has frozen over, take a look after the first snowfall and you will likely see the footprints of an old otter. He is an old inhabitant, having been going up and down this stream for many years.

Further on, look for the site of an old mill dam that once furnished power for a sawmill, the last of its kind to be used in Monterey. Look above the dam for an old log which appears to have fallen across the stream. It is said to be fossilized. Below, look at the ledge and the old swimming hole.

There are several approaches to these sites. The easiest is a well-trodden path leding down from the two roadside parking spaces on the right of River Road. It leads to the swimming hole, which is now owned by the Town of Monterey. Walk upstream from the swimming hole, along the rocky bank of the river, being careful not to slip, and you'll see the remains of the stone mill dam on each side. Look for water-carved circles in the rock stream bed along the way. Notice recent scars on the hemlock trees from the '84 flood. About 100 feet up from the mill dam is the "petrified log" in question. And it is in question.

Pass a house on the left *(now Leona Chamberlin's)* and watch for a culvert. At its outlet, step over the fence and look for the lime kiln. Notice the little draft-hole at its base and some of the old slaked lime showing through the soil. Look for watercress. *The culvert is no longer discernible and neither is the kiln. You might see some watercress. Meanwhile, watch out all along the way for poison ivy.*

Continue on the highway down the stream a little way. Here was a factory for making soapstone stoves and rat traps *(across the river on the opposite bank).* When the rat trap business was flourishing, whle wagonloads of the traps were shipped away at a time.

Shortly, we come to The Slide. You will recognize this by the cribbings. The soil here is mostly clay over hardpan. In spring or at other times of unusually wet weather, great clumps of trees and earth formerly slid across and blocked the highway. Along here, look for bulrushes. We are near the town line.

The slide is on the left side of River Road. The bulrushes Julius mentions are actually one of the scouring rushes or horsetail ferns, tall, slender, dark green bamboo-like plants growing beside the road. The term "bulrushes" in America refers to the common rush, Juncus effusus, *which grows in Massachusetts wetlands and is often mistaken for a grass. However, by the account of those who know, the scouring rush has traditionally been referred to in Monterey as the bulrush.*

Near Madeline Coleman's house on the right of the road, notice the earth slides caused by the '84 flood.

Just ahead on the left is the Massachusetts State Fish Hatchery. This is well worth a visit. Ask how the fish are propagated. Inquire about the twin and triplet fish. We are now about three miles from Monterey Center, and the road home is nearly all upgrade, so let us start on the return trip. *There are more flood washouts on the road near the Fish Hatchery.*

On the way home, make a side trip up Gould Road on your right, referred to by Julius Miner as "Lover's Lane." He begins his walk at the other end of the road, but it is a short trip, so you can manage it backwards or forwards. We include this walk mainly in order to be able to print the felicitous verse Julius set down at the end.

Lover's Lane

Leaving the village center, let us go west on the Great Barrington Road, taking the first road to the left and then the first road to the right, which latter road is Lover's Lane. This is a very short road and leads to the River Road to Hartsville.

At first, the neighborhood looks uninviting and we say, "only the town dump." However, looking about, we find

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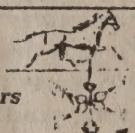
various little paths and curious strata of sand and gravel deposited here by a glacier. Approaching the abundant growth of spirea, we notice a cellar hole on our left *(commonly known as the "old Hale place").* A home stood here at which many parties were held. One evening, some vigorous dancing was in progress and the floor gave way. Luckily, no one was seriously injured.

Going on, let us help ourselves to a drink of deliciously cold water from a spring seen on the left as we descend the hill. Crossing the bridge, let us rest awhile on the grassy banks of the stream where, said the poet, "First, he sighed, then she sighed and then they sighed, side by side, down by the riverside." Soon, we reach the Great Barrington Road. Turning right, we find ourselves 1½ miles from the village.



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INDIAN NOTES

Wampum: Part 1, Manufacture

"Wampum," sometimes also called "peak" or "peag" from the Algonquin "wampumpeag," is the term for strings, or woven belts of white and purple tubular beads three-eighths of an inch long and one-eighth of an inch in diameter. The term referred originally to strings of white and purple shell cut into discs of various sizes and perforated in the center with stone drills. By the 17th and 18th centuries, the colonists had introduced slim steel drills and revolving grindstones which made it possible to shape the tubular beads with holes drilled lengthwise.

The purple beads were made from the dark area of the heavy shell of the hard clam or quahog (*Mercenaria mercenaria*) which derives its Latin name from the mercenary use wampum was put to by the early colonists from Europe. The white beads were made from a variety of shells, a favorite being the whelk (*Buccinum undatum*), which has a central column already in tubular shape. Though the value fluctuated with the market, the purple beads, being scarcer, were worth twice as much as the white ones, say three pence and six pence, in the days when a penny was real money.

Wampum was highly valued by the Indians for a variety of ceremonial purposes. When the colonists began using it for money as well, many of the Indians in coastal areas where quahogs could be found began producing the beads in quantity. Such tribes as the Corchaugs, Shinecocks, Pequots, Narragansetts, and Mohegans manufactured beads that were quickly traded far into the interior of the northeast. The shells were scored and cracked into blanks which were then held in wooden clamps against a grindstone. After the tubular shape was achieved the hole was drilled with a bow drill and then the bead was polished and ready for use.

There were well defined trade routes from the coast into the interior, and one of these was the Hudson River, controlled by the Mahicans. They supplied wampum to the Iroquois and received beaver skins in return.

The colonists, themselves, engaged in the lucrative manufacture of wampum. Several "factories" were established, among them one on Long Island and another at Pascack, now Park Ridge, New Jersey, which operated from 1770 to 1889. Though these were more like sweatshops than automated industries, they produced so much wampum, including ceramic imitations, that the market was glutted and the value dropped to almost nothing. Today there are supply houses selling still cheaper plastic imitations to Boy Scouts and Indians for making costumes. But Indian ceremonial usage still requires the old style shell beads which are now antique, scarce, and valuable once again.

— David P. McAllester

CONTE'S REPRESENTATIVES COMING TO TOWN

Members of the district office staff of Congressman Silvio Conte will be visiting Monterey on July 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the Selectmen's office to discuss any issue of a federal nature. Townspeople are invited to stop by and talk with them.

A SLUG IS A SLUG

Our earliest vertebrate ancestors abandoned life in the water long ago and moved to dry land, where we now conduct all of our daily lives and grow a few tomatoes, too. Now, when the rain comes and clouds hide the sun, the garden becomes a damp and dark place and the gardener heads for the house, puts rustable tools under cover, and leaves gardening for a sunnier time. We are no longer fit for life in the wet—it depresses us and wrinkles our skin.

There is another terrestrial tomato-eater in the garden, also an immigrant from life in the sea, which look as though it could return to the ocean any time and be better off. This is a pulmonate gastropod mollusk, a creature which lives under boards and flower pots and has the unfortunate distinction of being everyone's four-letter word of the garden: the slug.

I think I owe my fair-mindedness toward slugs to a childhood which was relatively free of four-letter words in general. We did not say "shut-up" and we referred to slugs as "snails." To us there were land snails and water snails. Some had shells, some didn't, but they were all snails and they all had magical tentacles (we called them horns) which materialized on the head end when the creature was feeling good: relaxed, unthreatened, in the mood for exploration. Seeing a snail produce its delicate horns, all four to their full length, was for me the special reward of the trust of a shy species, like having a chickadee light on my hand by the birdfeeder.

Slugs are snails and snails are mollusks. Most mollusks live in the sea, and although they all share important physiological characteristics, their forms vary widely from the sedentary oyster to the brilliantly flashing, ink-squirting squid. Some snails and clams (also mollusks) are tiny: giant squids can be 55 feet long. Some, like the squid and the octopus, are meat-eating hunters. Many gastropods (snails) are vegetarians, like the ones in our garden.

From the outside, a slug looks so spineless it seems a wonder it can eat its broccoli raw. Rabbits and deer and obvious tooth-bearing munchers, but where in a slug is there a tooth or even a mouth? So many people go through life squeamish of handling slugs that they will never know the answer to this question. But if you ever keep one in a jar with a lettuce leaf on the kitchen table or work up the nerve to pick one off the tomatoes, you'll see a small opening on the underside, right in the middle of what seems to be all foot.

Inside this opening is a fine set of teeth on a conveyor belt called the radula. The radula is pulled back and forth against the tomato until it has rasped a hole. Bits and juices are carried along by the movement of the radula, up into the esophagus and stomach of the slug. Some marine snails can even rasp their way into the shell of an oyster with this device.

Slugs are soft on the outside, but no gardener should underestimate the damage that ribbon of teeth can do. Slugs especially like vegetables and fruits which are sweet and tart, such as tomatoes and strawberries. Some people put half-grapefruit rinds out in their gardens (cut side down) as slug bait. A more common lure is a saucer of beer, which slugs also like. In either case, the trap must be tended and the slugs deported regularly—otherwise you may lure more slugs to your garden than you had in the first place. And when the beer and grapefruit are gone, the party-goers head right for the pantry.

Slugs move slowly, only four inches per minutes, with lots of rests. Most people don't take time to watch slugs' behavior —how can anything that slow be said to "behave"? But for the person with a little time, the life of the slug can provide entertainment such as you never saw at the movies (unless you go to the movie in which the actors have been carefully trained to behave like slugs). I refer, particularly, to the sex life of the slug.

Slugs are hermaphrodites, so a pair of slugs can do two things at once, at least. But first they go through a (slow) ritualized courtship behavior which is stately at first with much circling and waving, but then progresses to tailslapping and biting and in some species seems almost sado-masochistic as they pierce each other with calcareous darts. This is thought to be a mechanism for species recognition: "Ouch! Oh, it must be you."

A slug has both a penis and a vulva and produces both eggs and sperm. In most cases sperm is deposited by slug A under the "mantle" of slug B. Later eggs are fertilized as they are laid by slug B. And vice versa. This careful arrangement assures cross-fertilization. But slugs know no taboos, and in some species individuals lead rather monastic lives and never even meet another male/female slug. Self-fertilization is rare in animals, but these slugs are permitted to do it by the Natural Selection Board of Censors. If you want to know *how* they do it, you can go see the movie, or else spend more time on your knees in the garden. Whatever you do, don't put salt on a slug. Pick them up—wear rubber gloves if you have to—and put them somewhere dark and damp where they can carry out their slow, slimey, kinky lives in peace. And if you want your children to grow up to be slug-lovers, refer to them as "snails" during the formative years and never say "shut-up."

— Bonner McAllester

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MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met June 6, 1984, for election of officers. All officers were re-elected, and Florence Brown was elected to chaplain and Amy Enoe to Flora. The grange met at the lecturer's house at 7:15 p.m. on June 13 for a Mystery Ride. The grange had a work and painting bee on June 30 and July 1. Dates for a food sale will be announced later. The grange baked cookies for the Red Cross for veterans' coffee house on July 1.

— Mary Wallace
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The Energy Conservation Bank reduces the costs of energy improvements by providing loan subsidies—from 20 to 50% depending on household income—for measures such as attic and wall insulation, storm windows, heating system repair or modification and weatherstripping. For example, if you want to borrow $1,000 for attic and wall insulation and are entitled to a 50% reduction in loan principal, the loan will be written for $500—an immediate savings of $500. In some cases, zero to eight per cent interest rates are available.

A family of four living in Monterey can earn up to $36,000 a year and still qualify for financing assistance through this program. The participating south county banks are First Aggie and Great Barrington Savings.

CET is one of five groups conducting the Conservation Bank in Massachusetts, and Berkshire County is the only area west of Fitchburg where this is offered.

The first step to participating is to have an energy audit of your home. CET, a nonprofit community organization, will assist you in arranging for your energy audit, deciding which improvements to make, selecting a contractor, arranging financing and inspecting the completed work.

To learn more about this program call CET at 445-4556, or visit us at our energy center at 42 Summer Street, Pittsfield. For south county people who find it difficult to travel to Pittsfield, a meeting can be arranged in Great Barrington. Do-it-yourself work is also eligible for financing.

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NOTE FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

At a recent gathering of Town officials with the Planning Board to go over the revised zoning by-law, it was emphasized that nonconforming lots held in the same ownership as adjoining properties are not to be considered as separate lots regardless of the length of time they have been held in that ownership. Contiguous conforming lots will lose their status as separate lots after being held in the same ownership for a period of seven years or more.

MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Golf Club

With summer weather comes the desire for more active outdoor sports. Golf for many is the answer.

During the 1930s and early 1940s the Monterey Golf Club was most active and definitely an outstanding part of the social life.

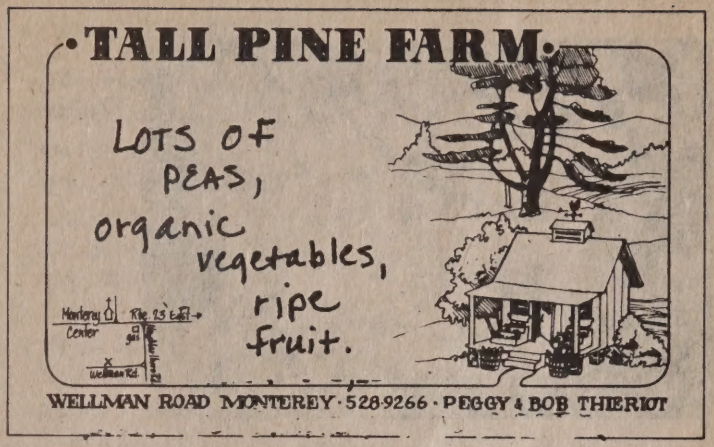
The club was more than a sporty nine-hole golf course. On Saturday afternoons the ladies took turns hosting tea parties. About once a month there was a formal dance and on holidays steak parties and tournaments held sway. But the best attended and most enjoyable were the Sunday evening community sings held on the clubhouse porch at dusk.

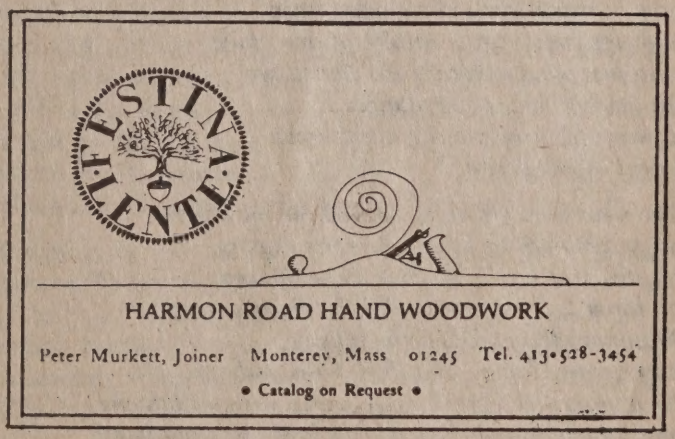
The clubhouse was situated where Mr. and Mrs. Donald Amstead now have their home, and the course ran from there parallel to Route 23 in back of the present homes to the Tyringham road. A green and nearby tee was located about where Louise Amstead now lives.

Financial trouble, difficulty in getting greenskeepers and shadows of the coming war brought about the closing.

How convenient it would now be for the many summer golfers in Monterey.

— Sally Fijux





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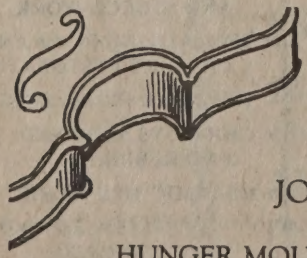
I gazed out over the Berkshires
perhaps to the Catskills; for a brief moment
a sea of trees moving below
explained to me the hesitancy of your return.
Until now, I have lived overlooking
these ledges, these spaces in time
to be alone. I trace the current
of wind with my hand, imagine trees
now bursting forth in summer green
with the subtle brush stroke of one alone
who sees what nature trusts her to see
for herself, and if she plunges
downward, it is into the hard, green
world of her desire.

The man wanders alone as well, he meanders
down the path to where the river crosses;
his dog trotting by his side as he dances
on birch logs that sway with his body's weight.
Mountain laurel colors the hillside,
now gently sloping and thick with undergrowth.
He approaches a graveyard covered with wild thyme
and toppled stones bear names long since outdated
that sing in the wind for him to return.

— Dede Cummings



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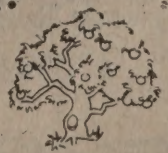

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PERSONALS

Karen Ann Ryder and **James Joseph Consolati** were married on Saturday, June 3, in the Monterey United Church of Christ. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Virgil V. Brallier, assisted by the Rev. John Bonzagni of St. Mary's Church in Lee. The reception was held at the Quality Inn in Lenox. James and Karen took their wedding trip in Italy.

Peter and **Mary Alice Amidon**, now of Brattleboro, Vermont, had a son on June 1, 1984—a big 8 pounds, 12 ounces, he charged into the world in jig time, with very dark hair, blue eyes and a wonderful disposition. Peter and Mary Alice have performed here often, and Pete is a Montereyan. Son Sam, now 3, welcomes Stefan John, who is grandchild number seven for Fran and Dean Amidon.

GEORGE BRETT

George E. Brett, 86, of Brett Road, a former selectman, died on June 10 at Fairview Hospital.

He was born on April 23, 1898, to Rufus C. and Lucy Brett. Educated in the local one-room schoolhouse, he was a dairy farmer for 42 years. He retired 20 years ago.

He attended the Congregational Church and was a member of its finance committee. He was selectman for many years and was a member of the local Grange.

Mr. Brett leaves his wife of 61 years, the former Frances Langdon; a daughter, Marjorie Say of Amherst; two granddaughters and a great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions to one's favorite charity may be made in care of the Stevens & Finnerty Funeral Home, Great Barrington.

KUBLA

Died—13-year-old Husky-Collie-German Shepherd mix. Run down on Appian (Beartown Road) Way by Rome-bound chariot some time on the evening of June 17. The driver was too busy to stop and notify owners. Law officers are asked to look into the speeding of these centurions and VIPs.

Man's best friend helped across the bar by tainted hands and careless feet propelled by empty hearts.

Del Jenssen

CONTRIBUTORS' COMMENTS

Frank & Marianna Rotondo—You're doing a very good job. Keep up your devoted work.

Esther Leidhold—I often share particular features with friends or relatives out of state. You all do a fine job.

Mrs. Walter J. King, Jr.—Interested in column on Indians and other local history items.

John C. Pearl—Keep up the good work and don't sell out to Rupert Murdock.

Dr. & Mrs. W. B. Oislander—Great little paper which keeps getting bigger.

Dr. & Mrs. Ed Brown—Thank you.

Miss Amy Enoe—Thee are many things of interest I wouldn't know if it weren't for the *News*.

Mrs. L. J. Lippert—I look forward to each edition. I'd like to see more news of the local people. Keep up the good work.

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CALENDAR

Arts Auction

Friday, July 27—Arts Auction to benefit the North Road Association. Greene Park, under the tent. Time to be announced.

Contra and Square Dance Schedule

Saturday, July 14—Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, MA. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, $3; children, $1 to dance until intermission. Information: (413) 528-9385 or (518) 329-7578.

Saturday, July 28—Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, MA. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have done it before. Joe Baker calling, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission: $3. Information: (413) 528-9385 or (518) 329-7578.

Library Book and Bake Sale

Saturday, July 28—From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the library basement.

Steak Roast

Saturday, July 28—Annual steak roast to benefit the Monterey Fire Company. Dinner is served from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Greene Park, with entertainment following by Bev Rohlehr and her band. Tickets to the dinner are $10 and may be obtained from the Fire Company.

Stargazing

Friday, July 20—Summer Stargaze. 8-10 p.m. Learn the summer constellations with astronomer Ron Woodland. We will review the use of star charts, then scan the sky with binoculars and telescopes. Dress to be outdoors in the cool night air. Held at the Flying Cloud Institute in New Marlborough. Fee: $2.00 ($1.00 Mass. Audubon members). *Preregistration required.*

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